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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s): S. INOHARA, et al

Serial No.: 09/416,961

Filed: October 13, 1999

For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR IMPLEMENTING
EXTENSIBLE
NETWORK-ATTACHED SECONDARY STORAGE

Group: 2161

Examiner: E. P. Leroux

**RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT
AMENDMENT (37 CFR §1.121)**

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

May 3, 2006

Sir:


Applicants are in receipt of the April 26, 2006 Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment (37 CFR §1.121) wherein the Examiner indicated that the April 5, 2006 amendments to the drawings is considered non-compliant because the drawings are not properly identified in the top margin as "Replacement Sheet".

In response to the April 26, 2006 Notice, Applicants are submitting on even date herewith a copy of the April 5, 2006 amendments to the drawings wherein the top margin of the drawings are properly identified as "Replacement Sheet". Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner continue with examination of the above-referenced application.

Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, or credit any overpayment of fees, to the deposit account of MATTINGLY, STANGER, MALUR & BRUNDIDGE, P.C., Deposit Account No. 50-1417 (520.37728X00).

Respectfully submitted,

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PROPOSED DRAWING CORRECTIONS/REPLACEMENT SHEETS

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Sir:

It is proposed that the drawings in the above-identified application be amended in accordance with the attached red-lined prints. Approval of the same is respectfully requested at this time.

Upon receipt of the official Notice of Allowance, the drawings will be corrected in accordance with the procedure established therefor.

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